

POETRY.



[SELECTED.]

KEEP IN STEP.

"Those who would walk together,
Must keep in step"—Old Proverb.

Aye, the world keeps moving forward;
Like an army marching by;
Hear you not its heavy foot fall,
That resoundeth to the sky?
Some bold spirits, bear the banner—
Souls of sweetness chant the song,
Lips of energy and fervor,
Make the timid-hearted strong!
Like brave soldiers we march forward:
If you linger or turn back,
You must look to get a jostling
While you stand upon our track,
Keep in step!

My good neighbor, Master Standstill,
Gazes on it as it goes:
Not quite sure but he is dreaming,
In his afternoon's repose!
"Nothing good," he says, "can issue
From this endless 'moving on!'"
"Ancient laws and institutions
Are decaying, or are gone—
"We are rushing on to ruin,
With our mad, new-fangled ways!"
While he speaks, a thousand voices
As the heart of one man says—
"Keep in step!"

Gentle neighbor will you join us,
And return to "good old ways?"
Take again the fig-leaves apron
Of old Adam's ancient days:—
Or become a hardy Briton—
Beard the lion in his lair,
And lie down in dainty slumber,
Wrapp'd in skin of shaggy bear:—
Rear the hut amid the forest;
Skin the wave in light canoe—
Ah! I see you do not like to see it—
Then, if these "old ways" would do,
Keep in step.

Be assured, good Master Standstill,
A wise Providence designed
Aspiration and progressing
For the yearning human mind,
Generations left their blessings,
In the relics of their skill;
Generations yet are longing
For a greater glory still;
And the shades of our forefathers
Are not jealous of our deed—
We but follow where they beckon,
We but go where they do lead!
Keep in step.

One detachment of our army
May encamp upon the hill,
While another, in the valley,
May enjoy "its own sweet will;"
This may answer to one watchword,
That may echo to another;
But in unity and concord
They discern that each is brother!
Breathe to breathe they're marching onward,
In a good new peaceful way;
You'll be jostled if you hinder
So don't offer let or stay—
Keep in step.

CLIPPINGS.

GET MARRIED.

BY DOW, JR.

Young men, if you have arrived at the right point in life for it, let every consideration give way to that of getting married. Don't think of anything else. Keep poking about the rubbish of the world, till you have stirred up a gem worth possessing in the shape of a wife. Never think of delaying the matter; for you know delays are dangerous. A good wife is the most faithful and constant companion you can possibly have by your side while performing the journey of life—a dog isn't a touch to her. She can "smooth your linen and your cares" for you—mend your trousers, and perchance your manners; sweeten your sour maments, as well as your tea and coffee, for you—ruffle, perhaps your shirt bosom, but not your temper; and instead of sowing the seeds of sorrow in your path, she will sow buttons on your shirts, and plant happiness, instead of harrow teeth in your bosom. Yes; and if you are too confoundedly lazy, she will chop wood and dig potatoes for dinner; for her love for her husband is such that she will do anything to please him, except receive company in her every day clothes.

When woman loves, she loves with a double distilled devotedness; and when she hates, it is on the pressure principle. Her love is as deep as the ocean, and as strong as a hempen halter, and as immutable as the rock of ages. She won't change, except it is in a very strong fit of jealousy; and even then it lingers as if loth to depart, like evening twilight at the windows of the west. Get married by all means. All the excuse you can fish up against "doing the deed," isn't worth a spoonful of pigeon's milk. Mark this, if blest with health and en-

ployment, you are not able to support yourself. Therefore so much the more need of annexation; for in union there is strength. Get married, I repeat, young men! Concentrate your affections upon one subject, and not distribute them crumb by crumb among a host of Susans, Marys, Lorans, Olives, Elizans, Augustas, Betsies and Dorothies, allowing each scarcely enough to nibble at. Get married and have some one to cheer your journey, through this "lowly vale of tears," somebody to scour up your whole life, and put you in some sort of Sunday-go-to-meeting order.

Young woman! I need not tell you to look out for a husband, for I know that you are fixing contrivances to catch one; you are as naturally on the watch, as a cat is for a mouse. But one word in your ear if you please. Don't bait your hook with an artificial fly of beauty; if you do, the chances are ten to one that you will catch a gulgeon—some silly fool of a fish that isn't worth his weight in saw dust. Array the inner lady with beautiful garments of virtue, morality, and unsophisticated love, and you will dispose of yourself quicker and to much better advantage than you would, if you display all the gew-gaws, flippejigs, fol-de-rols and fiddle-fedeas, in the universe. Remember that it is an awful thing to live and die a self-manufactured old maid.

My hearers—get married, while you are young; and then, when the frosts of age shall fall, and wither the flowers of affection, the leaves of connubial love will still be green and perchance a joyous offspring will surround and grace the parent tree, like ivy twining and adorning the time-seathed oak.

A SECRET WORTH KNOWING.

Truth is strange—stranger than fiction.

Under this heading the Long Island Star publishes an interesting tale, for the extended details of which we cannot find room, (says the exchange,) but must content ourselves with giving the leading facts in a condensed form, for the benefit of our readers.

A young grocer of good character and correct habits, commenced business in a good and improved neighborhood. His stock was small, as were his means and his stock of customers was still smaller. His sales hardly met his expenses and he was evidently going "down hill," and an old grocer on the opposite corner predicted he would soon be at the bottom.

That the young grocer had reason to regret this opinion of the old grocer will appear. The latter had a daughter, who had won the heart of the former. He offered himself to her and was rejected. It was done, however, with the assurance that he was the man of her choice, but that she acted in obedience to her father's commands.

Assured of the affections of the woman of his choice, he set himself about removing the only obstacle in the way of their union—the father's objection to his pecuniary prospects.

A year had elapsed and lo, what a change! The young grocer was now going "up hill," with the power of a steam locomotive; customers flocked to his store from all quarters, and even many had left the old established stand on the opposite corner, for the younger favorite. There was a mystery about it which puzzled the grocer sorely, but which he could not unravel. He at length became nearly sick with the losses and aggravations, and vain attempts to discover the secret of his neighbor's success.

At this juncture, Angelica—for that was the daughter's name—contrived to bring about an apparently accidental interview between the parties. After the old man had become, through the intervention of the daughter, tolerably good humored, he inquired, with great earnestness of the young man, how he contrived to effect so much in a single year, to thus extend his business and draw off the customers from the old stands.

The young man evaded an answer—but inquired if he had any further objections to his union with Angelica. "None," replied he, "provided you reveal the secret of your success." This the young man promised when his happiness was made complete. The old man commended his prudence on this point. The affair was all settled and the marriage soon took place.

The friends of the young couple were all assembled, and among them many of the customers of the two stores. Angelica and Thomas looked as happy as well could be, and the old gentleman was, if possible, happier than they. The bride cake was about to be cut, when the old man called out for "the secret."

"Aye the secret," "secret," exclaimed fifty voices.

"It is a very simple matter," said Thomas.

"I ADVERTISE!"

The old gentleman was very, very of fashoned, and while he shook Thomas heartily by the hand, and kissed Angelica fifty times over, he merely uttered, why the dickens didn't I think of that."

FEMALE CHANGES.

**Under this title, that queer paper, the Albany Dutchman, has the following queer bit of moralizing, the truth of which is almost universal in civilized countries.

"From the ages of twelve to fifteen, the changes which take place in a female are greater than those which take place in the male between twelve and twenty. Till a girl gets in her teens she is as noisy and fond of fun as her brother—the only difference between the two being the quality of their hair and the length of their flannel. Three years after this—Presto! what a change! The school-girl of yesterday has become a young lady; the hoop has been superseded by curling-irons. Moore's Melodies have overcome her desire for picture books, while her former playmates are looked upon as "mere boys." About these days she also becomes more tidy and reserved. Her tresses no longer wanton in the wind, but are done up a la Jenny Lind. The noise that she used to make has sunk to sentiment, while her love for music and moonlight has quite driven from her head all recollection of the old cellar door she used to slide down on. Queer, isn't it?"

Coaxing up an Expression.—We find the following in a Northern paper:

A brace of lovers, anxious to secure each other's shadow ere the substance faded, stepped into a daguerrotype establishment recently to sit for their "pictures." The lady gave precedence to her swain, who said, "and got to be tucked first, and a real natural. He brushed up his bow head of hair, gave a twist or two to his handkerchief, asked his gal if his shirt collar stood about X and panted himself in the operator's chair, where he soon assumed the physiological characteristics of a poor mortal in the dentist's hands, about to part with one of his eye teeth. "Now, do I look pretty?" begged the lady, casting one of her most languishing glances. The picture was taken, and when produced reminded the girl, as she expressed it, "of a fish hook when he got over the meacels!" and, as this was not an exact reproduction of her history particularly worthy of their commemoration, she insisted that he should stand again. He obeyed, and she attended him to the chair. "Josh," said she, "look like smile and then kinder don't." The poor fellow tried to follow the indefinite injunction. "L!" she said, "why you look all puckered up." One direction followed another, but with little success. At last, gr wing impatient and becoming desperate, she resorted to try an expedient which she considered infallible, and exclaimed: "I don't keer if there is folks around." She enjoined the operator to stand ready at his camera, she then set in her fellow's lap, and placing her arms round his neck, managed to cast a shower of flaxen ringlets as a screen between the operator and her proceeding; these, however, were betrayed by a succession of unfortunate sounds, which revealed her expedient. When this "billowing and going" had lasted a few minutes, the cunning girl jumped from Josh's lap, and clapping her hands, cried to the astonished artist. "Now you have got him! put him through!"

School Scene.—"Boy, you seem to be quite smart—altogether too smart for this school. Can you tell how many six black beans are?"

"Yes, sir, half a dozen."

"Well, how many are half a dozen of white beans?"

"Six."

"Tremendous smart boy! Now tell me how many white beans there are in six black ones?"

"Half a dozen, if you skin 'em?"

In consequence of this answer, the scholar came near being skinned himself.

Burke once mentioned to Fox that he had written a tragedy. "Did you let Garrick see it?" inquired his friend. "No," replied Burke; "I indeed had the folly to write it, but the wit to keep it to myself."

A person observed to a friend who was learning to take snuff, that it was wrong to teach one's nose a bad habit, as a man generally followed his nose.

"That motion is out of order," as the chairman of a political meeting said when he saw a rowdy raising his arm to throw an egg.

Bacon says his step-mother was so fond of wallowing the family that if all the children had been wash tubs, there would not have been a whole bottom in the house.

Did you ever see a woman that had to be told of her beauty before she was aware of it herself?

A PROCLAMATION.

By his Excellency, DAVID S. REID, Governor of the State of North Carolina.

WHEREAS, three fifths of the whole number of members of each House of the General Assembly did at the last session pass the following Act:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

WHEREAS, the freehold qualification now required for the electors for members of the Senate conflict with the fundamental principles of liberty, therefore

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, three-fifths of the whole number of members of each House concurring, that the second clause of the third section of the first Article of the amended Constitution ratified by the people of North Carolina on the second Monday of November, A. D. 1835, be amended by striking out the words "and possessed of a freehold within the same district of fifty acres of land for six months next before and at the day of election," so that the said clause of said section shall read as follows: "All free white men of the age of twenty-one years (except as is hereinafter declared) who have been inhabitants of any one district within the State twelve months immediately preceding the day of any election and shall have paid public taxes, shall be entitled to vote for a member of the Senate."

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Governor of the State be, and he is hereby directed, to issue his Proclamation to the people of North Carolina, at least six months before the next election for members of the General Assembly, setting forth the purport of this Act and the amendment to the Constitution herein proposed, which Proclamation shall be accompanied by a true and perfect copy of the Act, authenticated by the certificate of the Secretary of State, and both the Proclamation and the copy of this Act, the Governor of the State shall cause to be published in all the newspapers of this State, and posted in the Court Houses of the respective Counties in this State, at least six months before the election of members to the next General Assembly.

Read three times and agreed to by three-fifths of the whole number of members of each House respectively, and ratified in General Assembly, this 21th day of January, 1841.

J. C. DOBBIN, S. H. C.

W. N. EDWARDS, S. S.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.
Office of Secretary of State.
I, WILLIAM HILL, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the Act of the General Assembly of this State, drawn off from the original on file in this office. Given under my hand, this 31st day of December, 1841.

W. M. HILL, Sec'y of State.

AND WHEREAS, the said Act provides for amending the Constitution of the State of North Carolina so as to confer on every qualified voter for the House of Commons the right to vote also for the Senate;

Now, therefore, to the end that it may be made known that if the aforesaid amendment to the Constitution shall be agreed to by two-thirds of the whole representation in each House of the next General Assembly, it will then be submitted to the people for ratification, I have issued this my Proclamation in conformity with the provisions of the above recited Act.

In testimony whereof, DAVID S. REID, Governor of the State of North Carolina, hath hereunto set his hand and caused the Great Seal of said State to be affixed. Done at the City of Raleigh, on the thirty first day of December, in the [18] year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and in the 76th year of our Independence.

By the Governor, DAVID S. REID.

THOMAS SETTLE, Jr. Private Sec'y.

Persons into whose hands this Proclamation may fall, will please see that a copy of it is posted up in the Court Houses of their respective Counties.

FOR HIRE.

THE subscriber continues to keep horses and vehicles for hire on the following

TERMS PER DAY:

For carriage, two horses, & driver, \$5 00
" carriage and harness, 2 00
" barouche, two horses, & driver, 4 00
" barouche and harness, 1 50
" carryall, two horses, and driver, 3 50
" carryall and harness, 1 00
" buggy and horse, 2 00
" buggy and harness, 0 75
" horse, saddle and bridle, 1 25
" horse, 1 00
" horse and cart, 1 25
" Cart and gear, 0 25
" Horse and plough, 1 00
" plough and gear, 0 25
Wagon and dray, by contract.

The above charges are for an ordinary day's travel—longer or shorter distances, by contract. GEO. HOWARD.

Land for sale.

THE Subscriber wishes to sell, on accommodating terms, his Farm lying in Nash County, on the north side of Swift Creek, above and below Hilliard's mills.

Containing 641 Acres.

The creek lands are good for corn and cotton—the flat or piney wood land have round pines enough to cut from 15,000 to 20,000 boxes. The above will be shown by the Overseer on the premises, or by the subscriber living at Hilliardston.

E. B. Hilliard.
Nov. 17th, '51. (paid)

Notice.

THE subscriber being well prepared to do

A FORWARDING

And Commission Business

IN THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON, Respectfully solicits the patronage of the public in Tarboro', its vicinity, and Edgecombe co. generally. He has ample and safe room for the storage of Naval Stores, Grain, and other produce; his charges are moderate and quick dispatch invariably given to all business entrusted to his direction.

REFERENCES.

Maenair & Brother, Tarboro' N. C., William Bernard, Greenville. Eli Hoyt, Washington, N. C., Geo. H. Brown & Brother, Washington. B. J. Parmelee, Washington, N. C. Hon. Judge Manly, Newbern, N. C., J. A. Stanly, Wilmington, N. C., Wm. Bryce & Co., New York. Bateman & Rudderow, do. Mallett & Paulmin, do.

L. J. LABARBE.

Washington, N. C., April 2

Don't you want to RIDE?

THE subscriber keeps constantly on hand, a large variety of vehicles comprising

Buggies, Barouches, &c. of every style and finish.

He also manufactures to order any description of vehicles, from an ox cart to a fine carriage, in a style not surpassed in this country, and at prices as low as can be afforded any where.

He also carries on a large harness manufactory—sets of harness from \$12 to \$50.

Vehicles of every description repaired at short notice and on reasonable terms.

The subscriber will attend the Courts of Edgecombe, and be prepared to make contracts as above, on favorable terms.

JAMES NELSON.

Greenville, Pitt Co. July 8.

Thomas L. Liddon, BRICKLAYER & PLASTERER,

INFORMS the citizens of Martin & the adjacent counties, that he has removed to Hamilton.

And is fully prepared to execute all jobs in his line of business, that may be entrusted to him. He has competent workmen in his employ, and can give satisfactory assurances, that all work entrusted to him will be executed expeditiously and in a workmanlike manner.

References.

Joe. Waldo, Hamilton, Wm. Norfleet, Tarboro', Baker Station, Edgecombe Co., Gould Hoyt, Greenville. Hamilton, April 3.

Jack John Bray FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers for sale his well known Jack John Bray, seven years old last spring, and has proved himself to be a sure foal getter. He covers well, gets fine large colts and shows to advantage. I will sell him on reasonable terms, if applied for soon.

L. B. Whitehead.

Aug. 25, 1851.

Nails, by the keg, or retail—and Coffee by the bag, or less quantity, For sale by Geo. Howard. Tarboro', Nov. 4.

James McHegan, Merchant Tailor,

Has just received his fall and winter Goods, consisting of a handsome variety of articles for

Gentlemen's Wear.

which he is prepared to sell on accommodating terms, or have them made up in the latest style. He also continues to keep on hand a few articles of ready-made clothing of his own manufacture. Cutting done at the shortest notice. Tarboro', Oct. 9.

\$5 Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber on the first of July, negro boy JIM. The said negro is about 15 years old, of a light complexion, and about five feet five inches high. He is supposed to be lurking in the vicinity of Tarboro'. I will give the above reward to any person or persons who will bring him to me, or lodge him in any jail so I get him. All persons are hereby forbidden not to harbor or employ said negro under the penalty of the law. Cadet Abrams. Hamilton, July 30.

NEW BOARDING HOUSE,

Mrs. E. A. FORD,

WOULD respectfully inform the public, that she has taken the House lately occupied by Mrs. Swann, as a Boarding-House, and having had it thoroughly repaired, and fitted with new and handsome furniture throughout, she will be enabled to accommodate a number of transient or permanent Boarders in the best manner. The House is as pleasantly situated as any

in Wilmington.

and a number of her best rooms will be reserved for the accommodation of transient visitors. She can confidently bespeak the patronage of those desirous of obtaining a Boarding House of the first class, as she flatters herself that her arrangements cannot be surpassed for comfort and convenience, and no exertion will be spared calculated to add to the happiness and contentment of her guests.

The House is now open for the reception of permanent or day boarders. For terms, apply to Mrs. Ford. Nov. 7.

John H. Smith's Renovating Ointment and HORSE RENOVATING POWDERS.

THE author of our existence has caused to grow up spontaneously, throughout the world, such vegetable properties as will at once cure, when properly applied, all curable diseases. The proprietor of these truly valuable medicines might fill a volume with Certificates and testimonials in favor of his articles; but, considering such puff wholly useless, since they are so readily manufactured, and made use of to such an extent to palm off some useless trash upon the public, I shall, therefore, state at once, the various diseases that can be speedily cured by these Invaluable Horse Renovating Powders, viz:—Glanders, hidebound, and horse Distemper. It also carries off all gross humors, and purifies the blood. It is also a safe and certain cure for the heaves; it will also cleanse, at once, the stomach and maw from bots, worms, &c. and again restore the stomach and bowels to healthy action.

Smith's Renovating Ointment

Is an invaluable remedy for horses in the cure of the following diseases: Fresh wounds, Galls, of all kinds, Sprains, Bruises, Ringbones, Poll Evil, windgalls, Spavins, Swellings, Fistula, Strains, Lameness, Foul-smelling Feet, Cracks, and Scratches.

The above articles are to be had in most of the Cities and principal Villages throughout the United States, and the Canadas. For sale, wholesale and retail, at John H. Smith's Depot, No. 123 Fulton street, (2d floor,) New York. Price, 25 cents per box for the Ointment; 50 cts for the Horse Renovating Powders. For sale by Geo. Howard.